

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 5 November 2008

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary of New Applications by Ward

CASTLE & PRIORY WARD

1. Dudley Sea Cadets

The recommendation is that this Group be awarded a capital grant of **£5000.00** to contribute towards the cost of purchasing a new minibus.

NETHERTON, WOODSIDE & ST ANDREWS

2. Families of Highgate (PTA Management Committee)

The recommendation is that this application be deferred pending the receipt of more specific information on the purposes for which they require a grant. This has been outstanding since March 2008.

3. Friends of Netherton Park Ltd

The recommendation is that this application for £10,000 to fund a “Netherton Gateway” sign be refused, on the grounds that it will have no significant benefit to the wider community and that such a large sum of money could provide more direct help to the wider community.

QUARRY BANK & DUDLEY WOOD

4. Quarry Bank Darby & Joan Club

The recommendation is that this Club be awarded a capital grant of **£579.00** to purchase a new bingo machine and microphone.

5. St John the Evangelist Church

The recommendation is that this Group be awarded a capital grant of **£5,000.00** to contribute to the installation of new windows in the church hall, which is widely used by the local community.

6. 1st Quarry Bank Scout Group

The recommendation is that this Group be awarded a capital grant of **£3,000.00** to contribute to the installation of a new path, new drains and a disabled ramp, BUT with the proviso that they must raise themselves the other £9,000 required, before the Committee funding can be released.

7. Quarry Bank Labour Club

The recommendation is that this application for £2,450.00 to fund the installation of a disabled toilet be refused, on the grounds that they are, in effect, a thriving business with substantial funds, not a community or voluntary organization.

ST JAMES'S

8. Dynamic Time Out

The recommendation is that this Group be awarded a capital grant of **£2129.99** to purchase 3 computers, a printer, sports equipment and an alarm system.

However that their further request for £7,500 to purchase a minibus is refused on the grounds that the Ward cannot afford a single grant of that size and must conserve its remaining funds for the remainder of the year.

ST THOMAS'S

9. 347 (Dudley) Squadron Air Training Corps

The recommendation is that this application be deferred for more information about its funds.

10. Dudley Borough Crime Business Partnership

The recommendation is that this group be awarded a capital grant of £1,500.00, that is, **£500.00 each**, from the Wards of Castle & Priory, St James's and St Thomas's to contribute to the purchase of handheld radios (walkie- talkies) to enable communication between the members of the Dudley Pub Watch Scheme.

BUT with the proviso that they can raise the remainder of the funds required (£1,800) themselves, before any Committee funding is released.